

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for operational reporting of multidimensional analysis of business data sources, the system comprising:
 - one or more data sources providing OLTP data;
 - a business intelligence (BI) platform having a multidimensional database providing OLAP data; [[and]]
 - ~~a data abstraction layer having a unified view module configured to integrate the~~ OLTP data with the multidimensional database to produce a common meta model data set; and
 - a user interface (UI) tool set for creating a unified UI for displaying reports that are run on the multidimensional database and common ~~meta~~ meta model data set.
2. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a UI runtime module ~~configured~~ to display the unified UI.
3. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a data acquisition module ~~configured~~ to acquire the OLTP data from the OLTP data source, and ~~configured~~ to provide the OLTP data to the multidimensional database or to the ~~data abstraction layer~~ unified view module.
4. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the BI platform is ~~further configured~~ to execute OLAP analysis on the multidimensional database.
5. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 4, wherein the BI platform further includes a communication channel connected to a remote OLAP data source.

6. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the data acquisition module further includes one or more resource adapters for connecting to the one or more data sources.

7. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the data acquisition module further includes one or more extraction programs ~~configured~~ to read data from the one or more data sources.

8. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the data acquisition module further includes an exchange infrastructure for message-based exchange between the one or more data sources and the BI platform.

9. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a mapping tool for mapping a data model of the one or more data sources to a common ~~metal~~ meta model for use by the unified view module.

10. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the mapping is automatic.

11. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the mapping is manual.

12. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 4, wherein the BI platform further comprises a persistency memory for storing one or more tables representing the OLAP analysis.

13. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the unified UI is generated by a web application.

14. (Original) A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the unified UI is generated by a desktop application.

15. (Currently Amended) An architecture for integrating online transactional processing (OLTP) systems with online analytical processing (OLAP) system, the architecture comprising:

a data access layer including one or more data access programs for accessing OLTP data;

a service layer including a business intelligence (BI) platform for generating OLAP data;

a ~~data abstraction layer~~ unified view module providing a common meta-model for OLTP data integrated with OLAP data; and

a user interface presentation layer ~~configured~~ to provide a user interface for displaying a report run on the integrated OLTP and OLAP data.

16. (Original) An architecture in accordance with claim 15, wherein the common meta-model is organized into a unified business query view for display in the user interface.

17. (Original) An architecture in accordance with claim 15, wherein the user interface presentation layer includes a design time module for generating the user interface.

18. (Original) An architecture in accordance with claim 17, wherein the user interface presentation layer includes a runtime module having an application for displaying the user interface.

19. (Original) An architecture in accordance with claim 18, wherein the application is a web application.

20. (Original) An architecture in accordance with claim 18, wherein the application is a desktop application.